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## **New Security Technology Coming to Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport**

*Automated Exit Lanes will bring New Level of Security – Reduce Costs*

BIRMINGHAM, AL (September 22, 2022) – When you **flybhm** next Spring, you'll likely notice something different when you are exiting the secured side of the terminal. The Birmingham Airport Authority is embarking on a new project to modernize the arrival exit lanes. The new equipment will completely automate the security aspect of those areas where customers leave the concourse to head downstairs to baggage claim, transportation, and parking.

The new system is designed to open automatically when exit movement is detected and to close when there is no foot traffic coming through. Conversely, the exit doors will not open if someone tries to enter from the other side.

“This system will create a more secure environment for travelers and will actually reduce the cost of keeping things safe and secure in the terminal,” said Ron Mathieu, President and CEO of the Birmingham Airport Authority. “Technology continues to offer us better ways to do things,” said Mathieu. “When it makes sense to leverage technology to make things better, we'll continue to move in that direction.”

The project was designed by a local firm, CCR Architecture. The contractor is Construction Works, Inc. (CWI) of Lithonia, Georgia. The total cost of the new system is just over one million dollars. Work is expected to begin in October and continue for about 6 months. The contractor will work on both exit lanes simultaneously with the terminal exits remaining open throughout the process. Any work that would require closure of the exits will be done during the overnight hours to minimize impacts to passengers.

### **About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport**

As Alabama's largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for 90 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit [flybirmingham.com](http://flybirmingham.com) or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).